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providing a first layer of a non-metallic material which is held by a holding metal substrate, and

pressing into the first layer of non-metallic material an object comprising a surface so as to change surface properties of the first layer of non-metallic material in order to replicate at least one surface relief, said at least one surface relief forming part of the surface of the object; and

wherein the step of pressing is performed when said first layer of non-metallic material is in its dimensionally stable state.

54. (Amended) An article for holding a surface relief, said article comprising:

a holding metal substrate, and

a first layer of non-metallic material integrated with said metal substrate, said first layer of non-metallic material holding at least one surface relief, which has been replicated by a method according to claim 36.

65. (Amended) An article according to claim 54, wherein the article is part of a container.

Please add the following claims:

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--66. An article according to claim 65, wherein the container
is a food container.--

--67. An article according to claim 65, wherein the container
is a beverage container.--